

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Hooper Bay****Project Title:**

Hooper Bay - Temporary Homes Relocation from Pad for AVCP Multi-Family Housing Project

State Funding Requested: \$ 125,000**House District: 39 - T**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

In August 2006 there was a fire at Hooper Bay that destroyed one third of the village. The Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Division of Emergency Services (DES), placed 13 temporary homes for fire victims on pad that was dedicated for a 20-unit multi-family housing project that is being built. DES does not fund the removal of these temporary homes now that it is time to build the housing project.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$125,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Before the fire, AVCP Regional Housing had plans to build a 20 unit multi-family housing project on a 2.3 acre lot (aka Tract D2 or Temporary Housing Pad) that was dedicated for that purpose. This was needed to begin addressing a great need for housing that exists in the village. The 20 unit project is the first phase of a 40 or more unit multi-family housing project planned for the village.

In August of 2006, Hooper Bay suffered a great fire that destroyed a 15 acre area of the old part of town - filled with homes, a general store, and the local elementary and high school, along with its satellite buildings and classrooms. In the end, some 35 structures burned down along with nearly all buildings of the sprawling Hooper Bay Day School campus and 6 teacher homes and 13 residential homes. Over 90 residents whose homes were destroyed lost everything and were immediately displaced.

After the fire, DES placed 13 temporary homes for fire victims on that lot, for lack of other space in the village. The residents of Hooper Bay are extremely grateful and thankful to the State of Alaska and DES for their assistance in that time of emergency.

Needless to say, the fire and loss of residences worsened the already high housing need in the village. AVCP Housing's schedule for construction of the new units is set to begin this spring and summer on the Temporary Housing Pad, but it cannot start until the temporary homes are removed or relocated elsewhere in the village. There is no other lot in the village

that is surveyed or dedicated for AVCP Housing's housing project of that magnitude, and all federal and state funding (including the costly environmental reviews, etc) for the project is tied to Tract D2. Since funding for the project is limited and dedicated to construction, AVCP Housing does not have funds for moving the temporary housing units off the property. DES also does not have funds that can be used for that purpose.

The AVCP Housing project was delayed once already for one construction season and to continue postponing the construction of the project hurts the community of Hooper Bay and its residents, and may lead to cancellation of the desperately needed housing project.

Project Timeline:

The movement of the temporary homes could begin as soon as funding is available.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

not applicable

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Hooper Bay Request for Funding

Assistance needed for moving temporary homes from a pad on which AVCP Housing will develop 19-unit Multi-family Housing Project.

Background

Hooper Bay is a Yup'ik Eskimo village of 1,200 people along the Bering Sea in western Alaska, whose major population consists of children and young people. Hooper Bay is about 550 miles west of Anchorage.

(The village is under the Senate & House Districts of Sen. Donny Olson of Nome and Rep. Richard Foster of Nome.)

In August of 2006, the village of Hooper Bay in Alaska suffered a great fire that destroyed a 15-acre area of the old part of town filled with homes, a general store, and the local elementary and high school along with its satellite buildings and classrooms.

The fire started very early in the morning on August 13, causing some 250 residents who were awakened out of bed and warned to flee the burning neighborhood; many had nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Six hours later, the monstrous fire was finally defeated; in the end, some 35 structures burned down. Along with nearly all buildings of the sprawling Hooper Bay Day School campus and 6 teacher homes, other buildings such as a grocery store, 13 residential homes and a number of food cache, steambath structures and storage sheds filled with subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering gear were destroyed. Sidewalks, electrical poles, snowmachines, ATVs, spare outboard motors, and drums filled with gas and stove oil were also destroyed.

Over 90 residents whose homes (residential and teachers' quarters) were destroyed by the fire lost everything and were immediately displaced. Thankfully, in the aftermath of the destructive fire, state and federal agencies, charities and many communities and individuals in Alaska and elsewhere provided temporary housing, donations of clothing and household items for the fire victims.

The State of Alaska Division of Emergency Services under Homeland Security provided temporary housing consisting of 13 2-bedroom modular homes and/or 5-bedroom ATCO

sleeper bunkers (trailers used in construction projects), sent to the village after the fire to provide victims with shelter before the cold winter set in.

These units were all placed in one location, known as the Temporary Housing Pad, owned by the City of Hooper Bay, to winterize them as best they could and provide other modifications, such as installing electrical power, in order to expedite tenancy by the fire victims. After winterization, the tenants moved into them in late fall 2006. (These temporary homes, which were under-insulated and drafty, proved hard to warm in the coldest parts of winter.)

The Temporary Housing Pad was, in actuality, planned for development with a 19-unit multifamily housing project by the AVCP Regional Housing Authority (RHA), the regional housing agency which serves 48 villages including Hooper Bay.

AVCP Regional Housing Authority Multifamily Housing Project

AVCP RHA currently has plans to begin building the multifamily housing project this coming spring and summer of 2008. Before the project can begin, the temporary housing units must be moved.

However, the City of Hooper Bay states that it has no money to move the temporary housing, and AVCP Housing does not have a budget for removal of the houses.

AVCP Housing has

Temporary Housing Moving Plan

The City of Hooper Bay is in the planning stages of a project to move eight (8) modular homes and five (5) ATCO sleeper units, which have been converted to temporary homes. All 13 units are currently located on a single 2.3 acre lot and will be moved to various sites in the community within 1.5 miles of their current location (the town isn't very large).

All emergency homes on the Temporary Housing Pad were planned to be moved by the City of Hooper by March of 2008 to certain lands/lots, pending funds. It was expected that there will be no shelters or tenants remaining on the Temporary Housing Pad by the time construction of the AVCP Housing Multi-Family Affordable Housing project gets underway in spring/summer of 2008.

Six temporary homes will be relocated to vacant lots at Tomaganuk Hill, which is adjacent (on the same side of the village) to the Temporary Housing Pad. Four homes will be moved to sites on the east side of the village, while three will be relocated to the old village site, to the site of the burn area.

Schedule

The entire project is expected to take no more 30 to 40 days depending on snow conditions. Homes can be moved at .5 to 1 a day – provided there are no hard obstacles – and then a few days afterwards *per home* to make repairs and other activities resulting from the move.

The exact moving schedule activity will depend on successful efforts to find funds for the effort. However, if there are no funds to be had, the AVCP RHA multifamily housing project will be in danger of being postponed or, in the worst case scenario, canceled. Hooper Bay truly needs this housing so any kind of assistance is extremely needed.

Budget

The cost of the move is expected to be around \$125,000. Each house moving effort will cost an average of \$9,230.76. Six houses will move a quarter to a third of a mile from their present location. Four houses will move one half mile, more or less. Three houses will move three quarters of a mile from their present location.

- 6 houses moved one-quarter mile or more: \$7,000 each or \$42,000 total
- 4 houses moved one-half mile or less: \$8,250 each or \$33,000 total
- 3 houses moved 1 mile or more (no more than 1.5 miles): \$15,000 each or \$45,000 total

Budget Details:

- 1. Heavy equipment rent: \$35,000**
 - Crane (to boom units on and off flatbed trailers at old site and new): \$17,500
 - Cat or dozer (to pull trailers): \$17,500
- 2. Labor: \$55,000**
 - 1 Crane operator: 9,000
 - 1 Dozer operator: 9,000
 - 5 Laborers: \$3,000 each or 15,000 total
- 3. Fuel, oil, parts: \$9,500**
- 4. Materials & Supplies: \$15,000**
- 5. Contingency: \$5,000**
- TOTAL MOVING COSTS: \$125,000**

Budget Narrative:

The biggest cost will be labor costs. Moving a house means disconnecting all services, putting up on cribbing while removing existing foundation, relocating existing foundation to a new lot, moving the home via transporter (to be determined), resetting home on new foundation system, and then hook-up homes to new services, make repairs to homes resulting from the move, clean-up and moving the cribbing from original lot.

A transporter will place these units using a crane to boom the units on and off flatbed trailers. (Kelly-Ryan currently has two track-mounted cranes in Hooper Bay which could be used to boom the units onto and off trailers at the “old” and “new” lots.)

The equipment costs, cribbing and foundation materials removal and replacement on site also comprise the cost but labor will be the biggest part of it.

The equipment will need to be rented, along with operators, and fuel and oil to run the equipment.

Materials (moving supplies, lumber, repair supplies) will be needed to be purchased support the move and make repairs to homes damaged by the move.

The contingency amount is for unseen expenses, for example, if electric poles (which are usually insured) are needed in areas where they did not exist before the fire.

Additional info

All funds allocated to this project should be directed to the City of Hooper Bay.

The City of Hooper Bay and AVCP Housing strongly urge any and all entities, which are able to assist financially, to provide the greatest assistance or resources possible for the fire victims of Hooper Bay that still need help.

Thank you so very much for your kind considerations.